
BOSQUE BEACON

*Newsletter of the Bosque Amateur Radio
Club of New Mexico*



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President's Corner - Jerry Aceto K6LIE

Welcome to the first newsletter of the Bosque Amateur Radio Club. This is really a test to see if you, our members, want a club newsletter, so please let me know what you think. If everyone likes the idea, I would request that the members send me articles to include in this publication. Any articles regarding ham radio, your personal experience with the hobby, projects, etc. If you would like to share your experiences, this would be a good place to do it. Also, if anyone would like to help out with this newsletter, please let me know. I could certainly use the help and your ideas.

This first publication comes after our September meeting, which was held on the 2nd. But again, this is a trial run and if successful, I will try to publish it in the last week of each month since our meetings are the first Saturday of the month.

Our September meeting was really great. Our secretary, Gerry Jurens, N2GJ, gave a great presentation on ideas to make a club successful. Gerry talked about all sorts of ideas that can be implemented to enhance any club and attract new members. Thank you Gerry, for a very informative and entertaining program!

Bob Finch, W9YA, set up a Google Group email system for the club members to use. It is a system that allows all of us to respond to each other as a group without having to send to each person individually. As I understand it, you can simply respond to anyone in our group and discuss topics as a group with your response going to all members at once. Bob, thank you for taking the time to set this up.

We started our 50/50 drawing with this meeting. The pot grew to about \$73. Of course, 50% goes to the winning member and 50% to our club. Our first winner was Andrew Connor, KI5VJJ, who donated his winnings back to the club. Thank you Andrew!

Best 73! Jerry K6LIE

Bosque Amateur Radio Club



N5BRC
bosquearc.com



Club Net

The Bosque ARC hosts a **Club Net** *Every Saturday Morning at 10:00 am local time except for the first Saturday of the month when we meet in person for our club meeting.*

146.900 (- 600 kHz) pl 67.0

442.450 (+ 5000 kHz) pl 67

449.550 (- 5000 kHz) pl 71.9

Club Meetings

*1st Saturday of the Month, 10 AM

*Always a program that deals with Ham Radio

*APD NW Area Command on Ellison, across from Cibola HS

Activities

* School Visitations to Promote S.T.E.M.

* Field Day Activations

* Gatherings for Breakfast,

* Thursday mornings at 7 AM,

* Flying Star, 10700 Corrales Rd

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

We would like to extend a **BIG BOSQUE ARC WELCOME** to our newest members:

Jacob Balderrama KI5ZHJ

Sean Sliney KF5DHW

John Boedeker AC5VB

Pedro Acosta KI5JJC

Brian Listvan

Andrew Connor KI5VJJs

VE Testing

If you would like to upgrade your license, or take your first amateur radio test, Mathias Gibbens, K0WBG, holds licensing exams after our regular club meeting on the first Saturday of the month. Testing starts about 12:30. If you would like to test or know of anyone else that would like to test, contact Mathias at AbqRRVET@gmail.com to sign up.

CLUB MEETING ADDRESS

APD NW Command Center, 10401
Cibola Loop NW, Albuquerque,
NM 87114 (across the street from
Cibola High school)

CLUB ADDRESS

Bosque ARC
1023 Purple Aster Dr.
Bernalillo, NM 87004

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JAMBOREE ON THE AIR

Here is an edited excerpt of an email I received from Bob Longoria, N5JH:

JOTA is a premier event to introduce Amateur Radio to Scouts. I propose to have our JOTA for one day to make this manageable. That day will be Saturday, Oct. 21 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at Sister Cities Park. We don't have to have a JOTA activity for all 3 days since we just need to let local Boy Scouts know when we will be operating! I will let the local Boy Scout council know the particulars so they can advertise on their website. I am on their executive board, so that should give us priority in advertising the event with the Scouts. I think this should be open to all of the local clubs, but since this is being organized from the Bosque club, I propose we use the Bosque call sign N5BRC as the call for this JOTA activity. We can operate HF SSB and as a demonstration, we can also do FT8. I will have a DSTAR radio to make contacts, especially if HF propagation is not good. With DSTAR, we can talk to Scouts all over the world. I will provide pizza for the operators that are there at lunch time.

We have received positive responses from several of our members, so our club will be participating in this event on Saturday, 10/21 from 9 am to 4 pm. If any members would like to participate in this very worthwhile activity, please let me know and I will forward your info to Bob and our secretary, Gerry Jurrens. We will need to get a number of participants, especially if Bob is providing pizza for everyone!!....yum.

As I get more info from Bob, I will pass it along to the membership. I have never participated in JOTA, so I look to Bob to let us know what will be happening.



Jamboree on the Air / Jamboree on the Internet

CLUB SHIRTS

These beautiful club shirts come in ladies and men's styles and sizes. We proudly wear our shirts whenever we are doing an activity that involves the public. It is a great way of promoting the club, not to mention that they look great! They are available in polo and button down long sleeve.

Contact Turbo Threads at 505 999-1234 or on line at <https://turbothreads.com>.

BTW...That snazzy club logo on the shirt and on our club banner was designed by Art Nichols, KI5GOL, one of our founding members.



If you wish to use PayPal to pay club dues, simply go to bosquearc.com and click on the Membership and Dues tab. You will find all the info needed. When you fill out the form on line, hit Submit at the bottom of the page. This will take you to a prorated table. Since our dues are paid by the year starting in April, you will only pay a partial amount based on the month you join. Club dues are only \$20 per year.

CONVERSATION ON THE HF BANDS...WHAT HAPPENED TO IT?

Jerry Aceto K6LIE

I have noticed, big time in recent years, that us hams have not been having much to do in the way of conversation on the HF bands. Have you noticed that most contacts now days are simply a very quick contact consisting of a signal report, name and location? After these basics are sent, the “conversation” ends in an abrupt “73” and it is on to the next contact, as if there is an ever continuing contest going on. The newer hams of today apparently think that this is all the conversation necessary. What they are missing is the fact that they could really enjoy talking for more than 30 seconds with someone. Maybe you run into someone that has similar interests. Or you find the person you are talking with is in the same line of work as you. Whatever the case, the simple fact is you never know who you are going to run into on the bands.

When I started as a kid at 12 year’s old back in 1958, we carried on conversations. Yes, I know that a kid of 12 years old probably does not have all that much to say, but as time went on, it was great fun to learn about other people around the country. It was also fun to learn of activities of hams in other parts of the world and what their country was like.

Other than older hams talking with their friends of many years, I have noticed that very few random contacts last more than a few minutes. You newer hams are missing conversing with some very interesting people out there if only you would feel out the person you are having a contact with to see what interest they have, what kind of work they do, etc. In this hobby, you just never know. We have the opportunity to talk to people from all walks of life. You could be talking to a King of a country, entertainment personality, doctor, or anything in between. You just don’t know until you try to engage the other person by asking a few questions.

Contesting is great fun and a great challenge. But “contesting” as a normal type of contact really does not embrace what much of our hobby is really about. Communicating with one another is much more than simply hello, goodbye. Think about it.

PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS CALENDAR – 2023

Ed Ricco - N5LI

September 24, 2023 – Tour of the Rio Grande. The Tour (<https://www.torgbc.com>) runs from the Bernalillo County / Int'l Sunport Rail Runner Station located at 113 Rio Bravo SE in Albuquerque and continues south through Los Lunas, Belen and loops around Bernardo, NM. The route runs parallel to the Rio Grande with beautiful views and sights of the more relaxed side of New Mexican life. The ride offers multiple distance points for riders of any caliber. There are four ride lengths for the Tour: 39 miles, 62 miles, 80 miles, and a 100-mile ride. Bob Longoria N5JH (rjlongo3@comcast.net) is coordinating the event. Contact Bob for more information or to volunteer.

September 30, 2023 – Mt. Taylor 50K Run. This is a 50K endurance run on high-altitude trails in the Mt. Taylor/La Mosca area. See <http://www.mttaylor50k.com/>. The event organizers count on ham radio volunteers to supplement very limited cell service and provide medical/safety communications for the runners. Volunteers would be stationed at aid stations along the course to provide communications with the start/finish area. Volunteers are invited to a post-race barbeque and receive race “swag.” Contact Kurt Coonrod (kurtandkelly60@gmail.com) or Jim Dalton AF5FI (daltonnj08@gmail.com) for more information or to volunteer.

October 22, 2023 – Duke City Marathon. Albuquerque area amateurs have supported this event for more than 20 years. As in recent past years, the marathon will follow an out-and-back course from downtown Albuquerque north along the bosque bike path to Paseo del Norte and east to a turnaround point near Edith Blvd., then return. A half marathon and 10K and 5K runs are included in the event, as well as several walks of varying distances. We will need a substantial number of volunteers to cover rest stops along the course, to provide medical communications, and to shadow race officials as well as a few bicycle mobile stations and sag vehicles. Contact Ed Ricco if interested in this event.



2024 Planning

An excellent convention's success begins with advanced planning. The Duke City Hamfest Board of Directors met at 3:00 p.m. MDT on Sunday, 3 September via Zoom to begin the process of planning our 2024 convention. Our focus is to establish goals for the event and bring in others to the Board to replace those who have left over the past several years.

We're looking for a few dedicated individuals who are willing and able to devote several hours each month between now and September 2024 to ensure we have all the bases covered. We especially need someone with experience at managing a team to handle large numbers of participants for Registration. Others must coordinate vendors, presenters, and venue assignments. Still others must handle prizes, clubs' participation, and a variety of presentations tracks.

All Board members must coordinate well with each and the convention's stakeholders to ensure the event's success. This is by no means a simple series of tasks which is why we begin the planning over one year in advance.

If you can see yourself joining a great team, join us for a challenging year.

For more information, please contact info@dukecityhamfest.org.

CLUB CONTACTS

Here are email addresses of our officers should you need to contact any of us:

President - Jerry Aceto K6LIE - jaaceto@gmail.com

Vice President - Sean O'Mara AI5IZ - sean.g.omarasr@gmail.com

Secretary - Gerry Jurrens N2GJ - n2gj@arrl.net

Treasurer - Bob Witter W5IV - rwitter@hotmail.com

Chairman of the Board - Bill Kent N5UJC - photoham@swcp.com

The club needs a social / activities chairman. Please consider this position as we have no one at this time planning events for the club. Please contact any officer if you would be interested in this position.

You probably notice that the club does not have the ARRL symbol attached to the club marquee. This is because we are not a certified ARRL club yet. I have the application forms and am working to get us certified and listed in the clubs section of the ARRL website. Jerry K6LIE

Please join us for breakfast every Thursday morning anytime between 7:30 and 10 am at the Flying Star in Corrales. Looking to see you for fun conversation and very good food!

If you have not renewed your dues and wish to remain a member of the Bosque ARC, please renew by the 15th of September. It is 5 months past April when dues are due for the year. Those that do not become current will be dropped from the roster on the 15th.